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1. POST HAS EXPLORED INFORMALLY WITH INTERESTED GURC MINISTRIES POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING GURC QUID PRO QUO FOR FULBRIGHTERS FROM HOUSING TO TRANSPORT FOR PROFESSOR AND FAMILY. CONSENSUS SEEMS TO BE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO CHANGE. CHANGE WOULD COUSE INITIAL MINOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACCOUNTING PROBLEMS BECAUSE MINISTRY FINANCE WOULD HAVE TO DEVISE WAY TO VILL UNIVER-SITY FOR TRANSPORT COST.

2. SUGGEST FOLLOWING AS BASIS FOR MODERATE HOUSING ALLOWANCE FOR BLANSHARD FAMILY. RENT CFA/120,000/MO. UTILITIES: CFA 35,000/MO. MAINTENANCE CFA 20,000/MO. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF HOUSING ALLOWANCE OVER PERIKOD TEN MONTH GRANT CFA 1,750,000. PRESENT EXCHANGE RATE APPROX CFA 210 TO THE DOLLAR.

3. USED BUT SERVICEABLE FURNITURE, STOVE, REFRIGERATOR, WASHER, DRYER AVAILABLE YAOUNDE FOR APPROX DOLS 2,000. (BLANSHARD COULD PROBABLY SELL TO SUCCESSOR).

4. EMBASSY WOULD NOT RPT NOT PROVIDE BLANSHARD WITH MAINTENANCE AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROVIDED USG PERSONNEL.

5. BLANSHARD WOULD NORMALLY PAY COST HIS DEPENDANTS PLANE TICKETS (APPROX 6,000 DOLS). SINCE GURC PAYING FOR FAMILY
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TRANSPORT WOULD RELIEVE BLANSHARD OF THIS FINANCIAL BURDEN,

ASSUME BLANSHARDS TOTAL REMUNERATION WOULD BE DECREASED BY THIS AMOUNT THEREBY DECREASING AMOUNT ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED FOR HOUSING ALLOWANCE. POST CALCULATES ADDITIONAL COST TO USG WOULD BE APPROX DOLS 8333 (HOUSING ALLOWANCE) MINUS DOLS 7200 (BLANSHARD AND FAMILY TRAVEL) OR APPROX DOLS 1150.

6. ALTERNATIVE TO HOUSING IS MINIMUM TWO MONTH HOTEL STAY AND REAL POSSIBILITY SUITABLE GURC HOUSING WOULD NEVER BE FOUND. AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS GURC DELAYS IN PROVIDING HOUSING RESULT NOT RPT NOT FROM ILL-WILL, INCOMPETANCE, OR INEFFICIENCY BUT RATHER FROM SERIOUS SHORTAGE IN YAOUNDE AND LANDLORDS PREFERENCE FOR ANY TENANT OTHER THAN GURC. LONG HOTEL STAYS CAUSE MORALE PROBLEMS FOR PROFESSOR, DIVERT TIME AND ENERGY OF PROFESSOR AND EMBOFFS FROM MORE PRODUCTIVE PURSUITS, AND CREATE SEVERE FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS FOR PROFESSORS. BARE MINIMUM RESTAURANT MEAL COSTS DOLS 5 TO 6 PER PERSON.

7. POST AND UNIVERSITY WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE BLANSHARD. REQUEST DEPARTMENT DISCUSS ABOVE WITH HIM. IF DEPARTMENT WILLING FUND INCREASED CISTS OF GRANT DUE HOUSING ALLOWANCE, ADVISE SOONEST AND POST WILL OFFICIALLY PROPOSE TO GURC BLANSHARD CANDIDACY AND POST PROVIDING HOUSING ALLOWANCE ON CONDITION THAT GURC PROFVIDES PLANE TICKETS FOR PROFESSOR AND FAMILY. IF DEPARTMENT UNWILLING FUND INCREASED COSTS AND IF BLANSHARD CACCEPTS PROSPECT LENGTHY AND PERHAPS PERMANENT HOTEL STAY, POST WILL PROPOSE BLANSHARD ON SAME TERMS AS PRESENT PROFESSORS. IF ALTERNATIVES UNACCEPTABLE, POST WILL FORMALLY PROPOSE HILL, BUT GREATLY PREFERS BLANSHARD. MOORE

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